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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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SUBJ: FRAUDULENT CHECKS

REF : MASERU 1096; PRETORIA 4331 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY MASERU CONTINUES TO RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM SOUTH AFRICAN FIRMS ABOUT MRS OR MR JAURIGUE. GREATERMAN'S STORE IN JOHANNESBURG APPEARS TO BE ONLY LATEST OF VICTIMS. JAURIGUE FRAUD MUST ALREADY HAVE REACHED CONSIDERABLE PROPORTIONS AND WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT STEPS WE CAN TAKE TO LIMIT ANY ADVERSE EFFECTS IT MAY HAVE ON U.S. GOVERNMENT OR EMBASSY MASERU.

2. SUCH INFORMATION AS WE HAVE RECEIVED IS PASSED ON TO STANDARD BANK AND LOCAL CID BUT WE DOUBT THIS WILL BE OF MUCH CONSEQUENCE IN CURBING JAURIGUE. ONE POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT "JAURIGUE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA USING THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN MASERU AS AN ADDRESS AND CARRYING A LETTER FROM THE CONSULATE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS CONNEC-
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TION. THE ADDRESS IN MASERU IS INCORRECT AND THE CORRECT

DESIGNATION FOR THE UNITED STATES MSSION IN LESOTHO IS AMERICAN EMBASSY AND NOT AMERICAN CONSULATE. JAURIGUE IS NOT KNOWN TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MASERU WHICH IS REFERRING ALL INQUIRIES TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES."

3. BELIEVE STATEMENT SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY JAURIGUES AND, TO HAVE ANY EFFECT IN AREA WHERE JAURIGUES OPERATING, SHOULD BE ISSUED BY EMBASSY PRETORIA. WOULD APPRECIATE PRETORIA'S VIEWS AND ANY THOUGHTS OTHER ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE.
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